LESSON 1

Larry: *(celebrating)* Whoopee! Yeah! Yee-haw! I can't believe it, Bob! Bob, did you hear the good news? My duckie is gonna have a new friend!

Bob: Larry, what is it? Why are you shouting?

Larry: Oh, Bob, something I've always dreamed of is about to come true! I can hardly believe it—yippee!

Bob: Calm down, Larry. Tell me, what are you so excited about?

Larry: *(deep breath)* Okay. *(inhale)* God has a porpoise for everyone! My very own dolphin, just for me! Can you believe it? When do you think it will get here? I've got to clean my bathtub!

Bob: Larry, Larry, wait! Did you say "God has a PORPOISE for everyone?"

Larry: I sure did! And I'm going to name mine Hubert. Do you like that name? I wonder if he'll look like a Hubert, though. What are you going to name your porpoise, Bob?

Bob: Hold on, Larry. I don't want to disappoint you but you aren't going to get a porpoise. You see, God has a PURPOSE for everyone, not a porpoise. A purpose is a plan for your life.

Larry: *(a little dejected)* Are you sure about that?

Bob: Yes, Larry. But don't be disappointed; a purpose is even better than a dolphin.

Larry: It is?

Bob: Sure, Larry. Let's learn all about what that means.

Larry: Well, I guess it's time to get excited about something else now! Whoo-hoo. Yeah! God has a purpose for me! God has a plan for Larry the Cucumber. I can't wait to tell everyone I know! Whoooopie!

LESSON 2

Larry: Bob, I have something very important to ask you.

Bob: Sure, Larry, what's up?

Larry: Does God love everybody?

Bob: Sure, Larry.

Larry: Does he love that bully, Ralph the Rhubarb, who is always picking on me?

Bob: Yes, Larry, he loves Ralph, too, even though Ralph picks on you.

Larry: Does he love the Queen of England?

Bob: Yep.

Larry: Does he love tap dancers?

Bob: Right down to their tapping toes.

Larry: Does he love Eskimos in Alaska?

Bob: Yes, he loves them just as much as the natives in the rain forest.

Larry: Does he love girls with purple and green freckles?

Bob: Of course, Larry.

Larry: Does God love the man in the chicken suit at the restaurant across town?

Bob: Every feather!

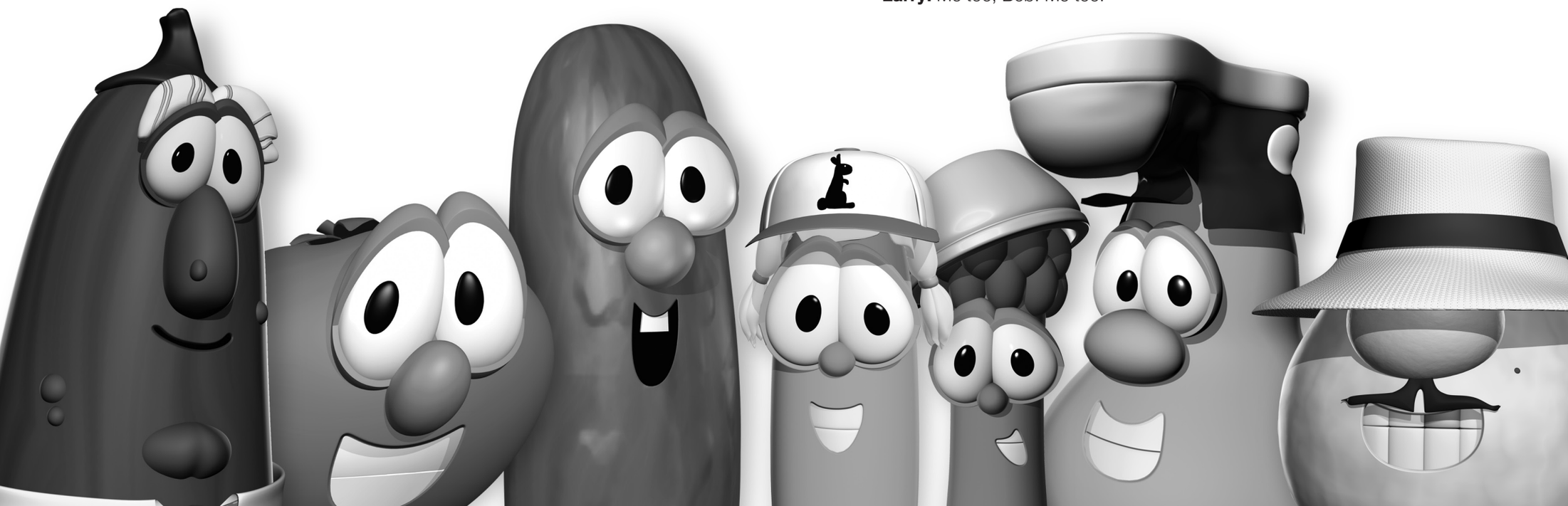
Larry: Does he love people who don't love him back?

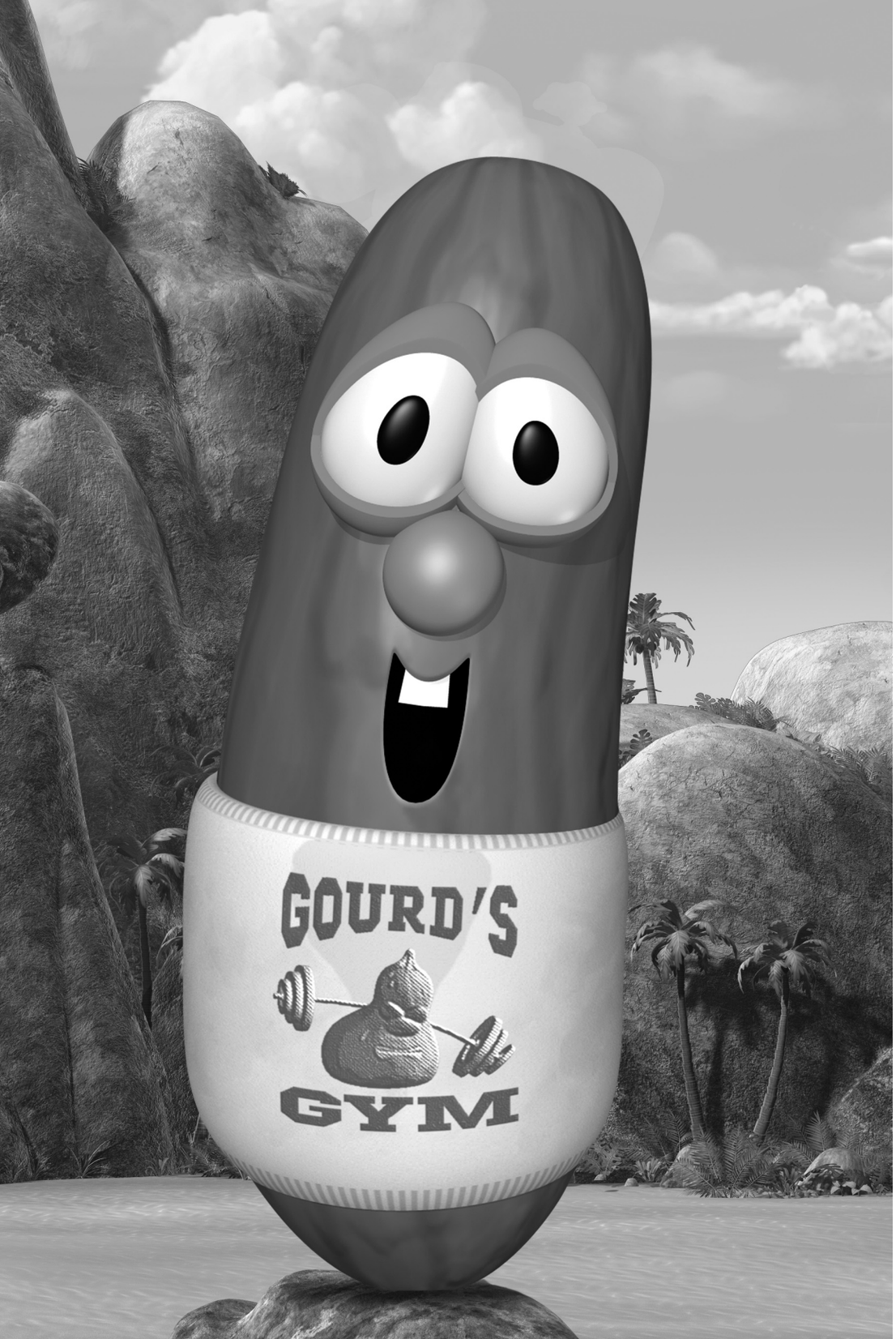
Bob: Yes, God still loves them, too.

Larry: Wow! We should tell them. Who wouldn't want to know THAT?

Bob: I think you might be onto something, Larry.

Larry: Me too, Bob. Me too!





LESSON 3

Larry: *(Doing sit-ups)* One and two and . . . Hey, Bob, can you give me a spot over here?

Bob: What are you doing, Larry?

Larry: And one and two and three and four. Sit-ups, Bob . . . and three and four. And now jumping jacks! Up and down and up and down.

Bob: What are you training for, Larry?

Larry: I was just thinking about how strong some of the people in the Bible are. You know, Daniel in the lions' den, David fought the big old giant. And I've decided I want to be strong, too. It just takes perseverance. That means keepin' on keepin' on! See that mountain over there in the distance? I'm going to move it! I'm going to train every day until I can do it. And I'm not gonna give up.

Bob: Larry, before you train any more, do you remember why Daniel didn't get hurt in the lions' den and how David won against the giant?

Larry: Umm . . . well . . . beats me. But they must have kept on keepin' on! I bet they had a lot of perseverance! Don't ya think so, Bob?

Bob: Sure, Larry. I'm sure they did. Except that God fought those battles for them. They had a strong, persevering faith, because they believed God could do it for them.

Larry: Do you mean I have a better chance of moving that mountain by asking for God's help rather than training for it myself?

Bob: Well, something like that, Larry.

LESSON 4

Larry: *(singing to tune of last two stanzas)* He's got the whole world in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.

Bob: *(singing)* He's got the little bitty babies in his hands.

Larry: *(singing)* He's got the Veggies and the Snoodles in his hands.

Bob: *(singing)* And the teachers and the students in his hands.

Both: *(singing)* He's got the whole world in his hands.

Larry: Wow, Bob. God must have really big hands!

Bob: Yes, I guess he does, Larry.

Larry: If hands are so important, how come he didn't give us any?

Bob: Maybe his hands are big enough for all of us, Larry.

Larry: Yeah! I bet you're right!

Bob: Isn't it great to know that God has everything and everybody in his hands?

Larry: Sure is, Bob! In fact, he's got the whole world in his hands. Shouldn't everybody know about it?

Bob: Well, that's a great idea, Larry. Let's find out ways to tell them!

Larry: I'm already packing my suitcase. We've got a lot of ground to cover!

Both: *(their singing trailing off)* He's got the whole world in his hands.

LESSON 5

Bob: Hi there, Larry. What are you doing?

Larry: Hey, Bob! I'm making up rules. Rule One: Be nice to all cucumbers. Number Two: Eat lots of snacks. Rule Number Three: Don't ever be grumpy.

Bob: Wow, Larry, those are interesting rules.

Larry: Rule Number Four: Give cucumbers presents every Wednesday and Friday.

Bob: Larry! Why are you suddenly making up all these rules?

Larry: Well, the Bible tells us to be obedient, so I thought I'd better make up some rules to obey.

Bob: Larry, God gave us his own rules to obey in the Bible. He gave them to someone really special named Moses. We can learn more about him in the book of Exodus.

Larry: Exodus?

Bob: The book of Exodus in the Bible . . . named after Moses' big exodus when he helped to lead God's people out of Egypt.

Larry: They made a big exodus?

Bob: Something like that.

Larry: So, I don't have to make up my own rules?

Bob: Not even one, Larry.

Larry: Well then, I guess it's time to make our own exodus.

Bob: You mean write our own book of the Bible?

Larry: No. I mean it's time for us to exodus outa here! I can't wait to go.

Bob: Good, Larry.

Larry: After you, Bob

LESSON 6

Bob: What's the matter, Larry?

Larry: I don't want to talk about it, Bob.

Bob: C'mon, Larry. You usually tell me everything!

Larry: I know, but this is bad. It's really bad, Bob.

Bob: What's wrong, Larry? You have to tell me! I'm your best friend!

Larry: But it involves you too. It's bad news for both of us.

Bob: What is it?

Larry: In fact, it's bad news for the entire Veggie world!

Bob: Larry, you have to tell me about this. Maybe I can help.

Larry: I don't think so. No one can. Unless you think we're about to get legs in our next video.

Bob: Well, err . . . no, I don't think that's going to happen. I don't think I'd want that to happen.

Larry: Well, then it's pretty bad news.

Bob: Well, OK. Hit me then, Larry.

Larry: *(Moaning)* Ohhhh, Bob! You're just making matters worse now!

Bob: *(Starting to get a little irritated now)* OK, that's enough, now. You've got to tell me what's going on.

Larry: Do you know how to find joy, Bob? It's by walking with God.

Bob: What's so bad about that, Larry?

Larry: *(Incredulously)* Are you kidding me? All these years and you've never noticed that we don't have legs?

Bob: Of course I've noticed.

Larry: Well how are we supposed to find joy by walking with God if we don't have legs? I think you'll notice that we're going to learn that we can find joy by walking with God. Walking, Bob. Not hopping. Walking. Ohhhh, dear. Do you want to break the news to the rest of the Veggie world, or do you want me to?

Bob: Larry, walking isn't a literal term.

Larry: I totally agree. It's not a littler term at all, Bob. It's quite devastating.

Bob: Oh, brother. Walking with God means spending time with him. It means we should do absolutely everything with God in our hearts! It means following God's path, obeying his rules, keeping God by our side all the time!

Larry: You mean Veggies can find joy with God? That's GREAT news! What are you waiting for? Let's hop to it! I want to find out more about how to find joy by walking with God. Oh and Bob . . .

Bob: Uh, yeah, Larry?

Larry: "Hop to it" really is a littler term. *(Hops out.)*

Bob: *(Nervous chuckle)* OK, kids. Let's see if I can explain the meaning of the word "literal" . . .

LESSON 7

Larry: *(Larry sings to the tune of ABC song)* A, E, I, B, F, J, C, G, K, D, H, L . . .

Bob: Larry, what are you singing?

Larry: You know, Bob, it's the alphabet song.

Bob: But, Larry, that's not how it goes.

Larry: Sure it does. All of those letters are in the alphabet.

Bob: They're the right letters, Larry, but the wrong order. You know, sometimes it's not enough just to have the information. You also need a teacher to make sure you get the information right. Have you ever had a really great teacher, Larry?

Larry: Mr. Lunt! He taught me a really cool cheeseburger song once.

Bob: No, not Mr. Lunt.

Larry: Archibald! He's really smart! Just ask him!

Bob: No, I'm not talking about Archibald either. The greatest teacher in the world is Jesus. He doesn't teach you to sing the alphabet or how to tie your shoes. He teaches you something even more important. He teaches us how to love.

Larry: Wow! That does sound important.

Bob: Let's find out all about it.

Larry: Sure, Bob. But before we go, can you teach me something?

Bob: Maybe, Larry. What do you want to know?

Larry: Can you teach me how to be a tomato?

Bob: Ummm . . . I think you should stick with being a Cucumber, Larry. It works for you.

LESSON 8

Larry: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I present my first witness, Bob the Tomato.

Bob: Larry, what are you doing?

Larry: State your first name, please.

Bob: You know my name.

Larry: Please, sir, this is for the court, not just for me. State your first name please.

Bob: Bob. Now what are you doing? We aren't in a courtroom!

Larry: *(in a forced whisper)* Bob, we are having a trial, and you are the first witness, so don't blow it, OK? *(back to a normal voice)* As I was saying . . . Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this is Bob the Tomato.

Bob: Larry, why are we having a trial?

Larry: Well, when I broke my skateboard today, Archibald Asparagus told me that if I really tried hard, I can find joy even in times of trial. So I'm having a trial, and you're the first witness. So tell me, Bob, did you break my skateboard?

Bob: No, Larry! You already admitted that you broke your skateboard!

Larry: Ah ha! Now we're getting somewhere!

Bob: Larry, Archibald didn't mean you were supposed to hold a trial in a court of law. When he said the word, "trial," he meant when you have a problem.

Larry: But how can I find joy in having a problem, Bob? You should see my skateboard!

Bob: Well, weren't you joyful that Archibald was there to help you when it broke?

Larry: Well sure. He's my good friend.

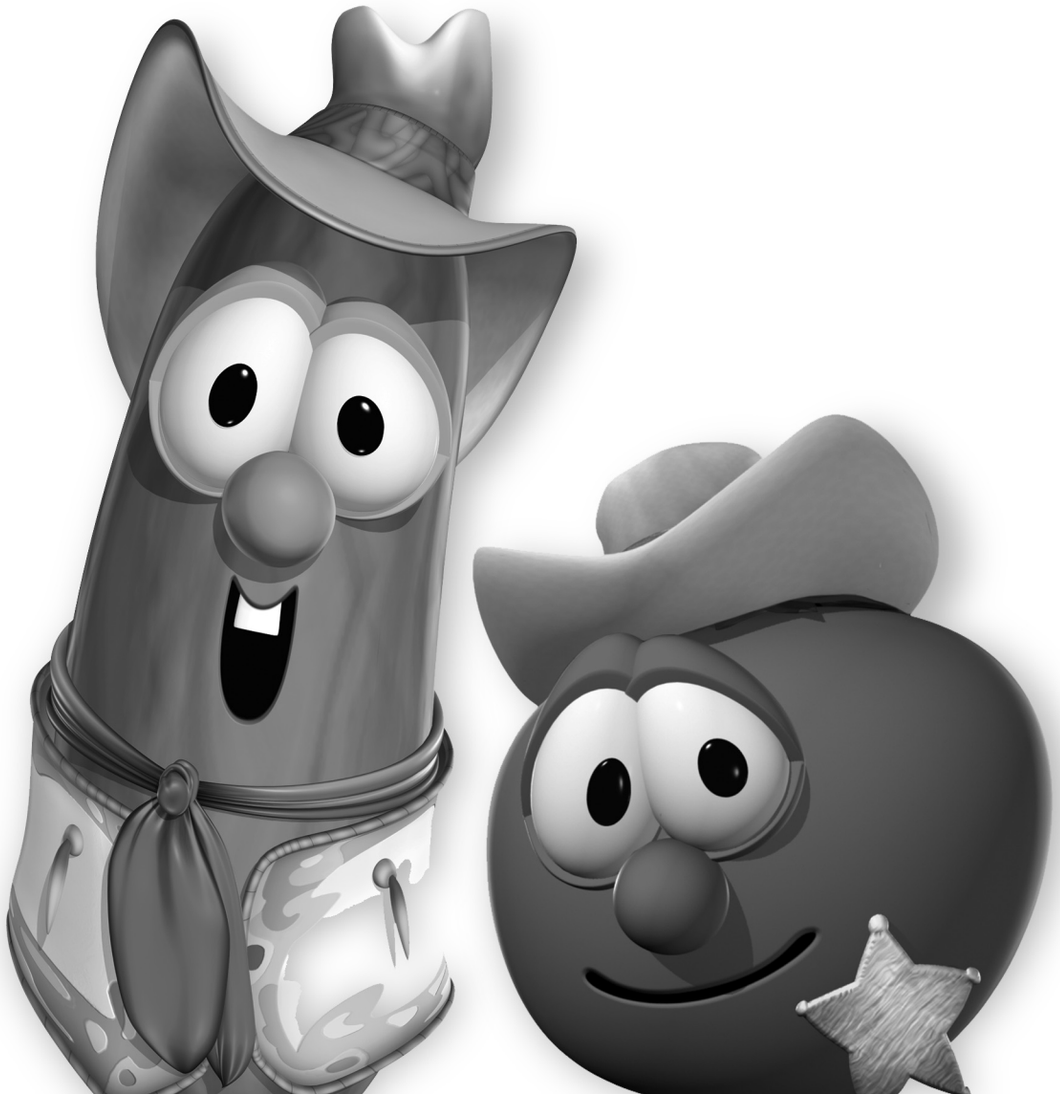
Bob: And aren't you joyful you have Archibald as a friend?

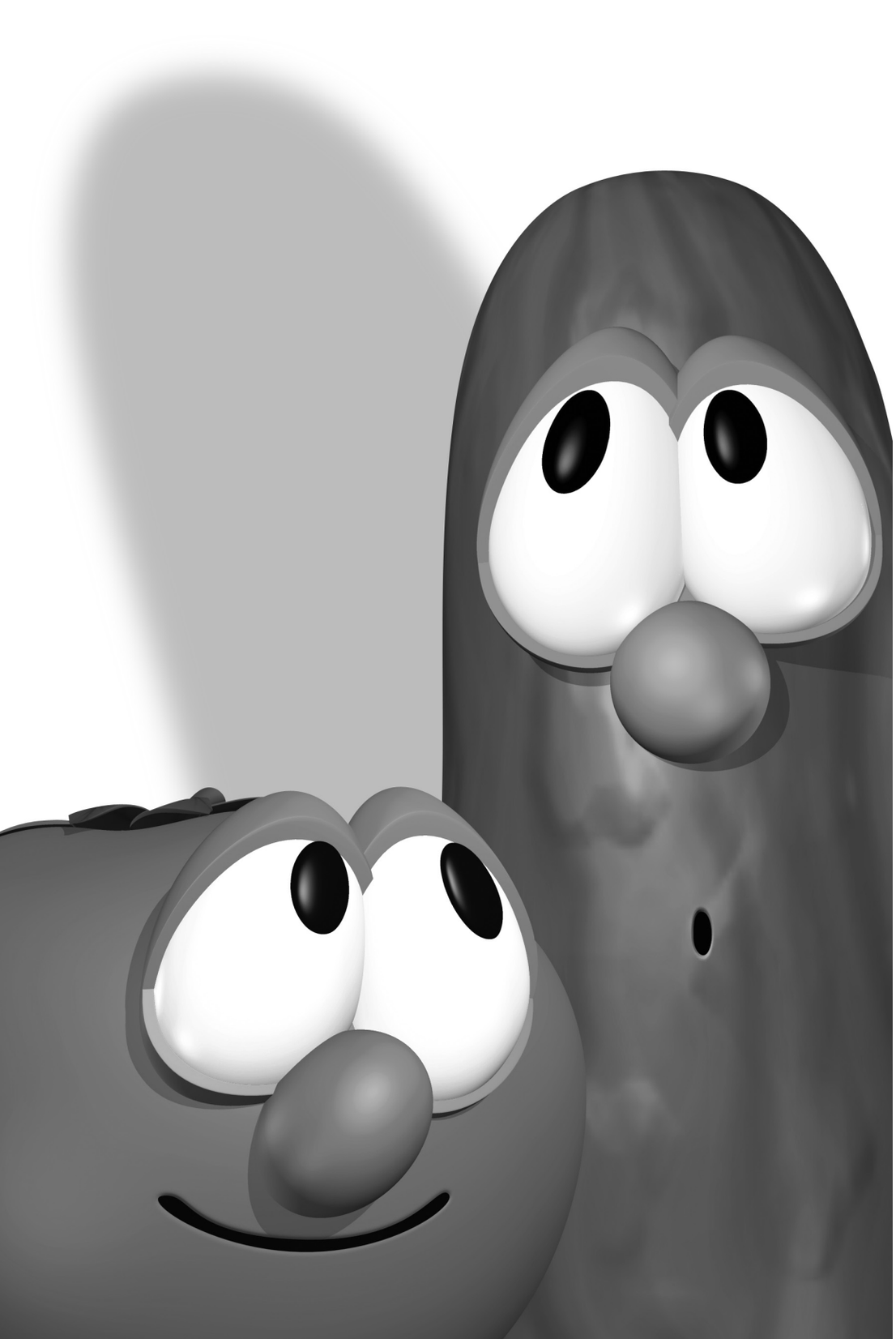
Larry: I can see the error of my ways, Bob! I plead guilty as charged.

Bob: But Larry, you aren't guilty of anything. It's all about finding joy. How about if we find out more about that?

Larry: Good idea. Are ya gonna cuff me?

Bob: No, Larry, I'm going to rest my case.





LESSON 9

Larry: *(urgent voice)* Bob, freeze! Stand perfectly still. There is a monster directly behind you.

Bob: *(Gasps)* What?

Larry: Right behind you, Bob. It's dark and round and oh-so terrifying. If you stay still, it might go away.

Bob: I'm not moving.

Larry: Well, neither is the monster. That's funny.

Bob: *(moves toward Larry)* Oh, Larry, there's no monster.

Larry: Freeze! It's moving towards you right now. *(Bob stops.)* Hmmm, well, now it stopped. I am on the edge of my seat to see what will happen next!

Bob: *(looks behind him)* Larry, I think you see my shadow, not a monster. See? When I move, the shadow moves with me. *(Bob moves to the right, then to the left.)*

Larry: How about that! That sure was scary, though, don't ya think?

Bob: Yea, a little. But I wasn't too worried.

Larry: Why not?

Bob: Because God is always with us, even when we're afraid. Let's go learn about something called faith. When you have faith in God, it helps you when you're afraid.

Larry: Always?

Bob: Always, Larry.

LESSON 10

As Bob enters, Larry is sitting and staring at a clock, humming the tune to "Jesus Loves Me."

Bob: Larry, why are you staring at that clock?

Larry: I'm thinking about Jesus.

Bob: What does thinking about Jesus have to do with that clock?

Larry: I'm thinking about how Jesus loves everybody all day long. He loves everybody at one o'clock, at two o'clock, at three o'clock, at four o'clock, at five o'clock . . .

Bob: *(interrupts Larry)* I think I gotcha, Larry. Jesus loves us all the time!

Larry: Right, Bob. He loves everybody when I get up in the morning and have breakfast with my Cebú. He loves everybody when I have my Mexican hat dance lessons. He loves everybody when I'm looking for my hairbrush. He even loves everybody when I'm watching my favorite television show with Barbara Manatee.

Bob: Great, Larry. Jesus loves us no matter what we're doing! He loves us all the time!

Larry: He sure does. Do you want to go find out more about what that means?

Bob: I sure would!

Larry: Excellent. I just hope it won't make me late for my hair cut.

Bob: But, you don't have any hair, Larry.

Larry: Hmm . . . good point. Well I hope it won't make me late for my college courses.

Bob: You're not in college, Larry.

Larry: Yeah, another good point. Well, I certainly hope it won't make me late for . . .

Bob: Larry! You just invited me to go with you!

Larry: So what's your point?

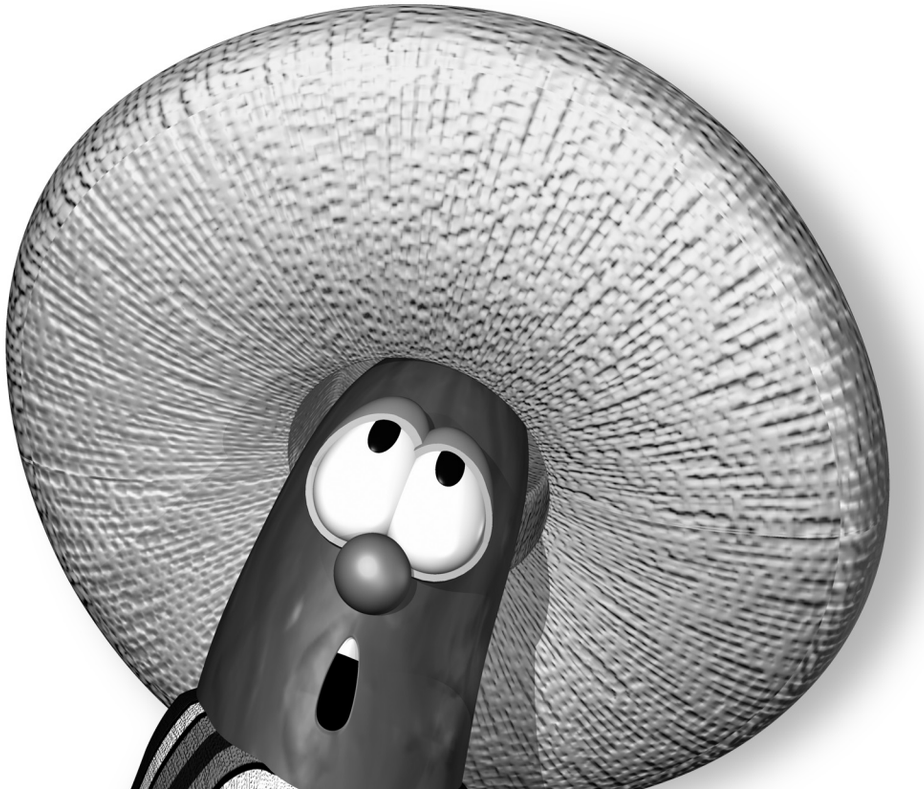
Bob: Well, why are you suddenly worried about being late for something?

Larry: Well, if Jesus loves so many people all of the time, what if he runs out of time when it comes to having enough time to really love me?

Bob: Oh, Larry! You don't ever have to worry about that. Jesus has enough love to go around. Have you ever heard about all the things Jesus has done to show his love for you?

Larry: I suppose so . . .

Bob: I don't want you to have any doubts. When you look at a clock, I want to make sure you know that God's loving YOU at every minute of the day!



LESSON 11

Bob: What are you doing, Larry?

Larry: Well, Bob, I'm real excited today. I'm starting a Cucumber Club. It is going to be so much fun. Anyone who is a cucumber is invited to join the club. The Cucumber Club is going to do all kinds of fun things.

Bob: Oh.

Larry: I just have to find someone to make my brand new clubhouse. Then, anyone who is a cucumber can come over any time they want.

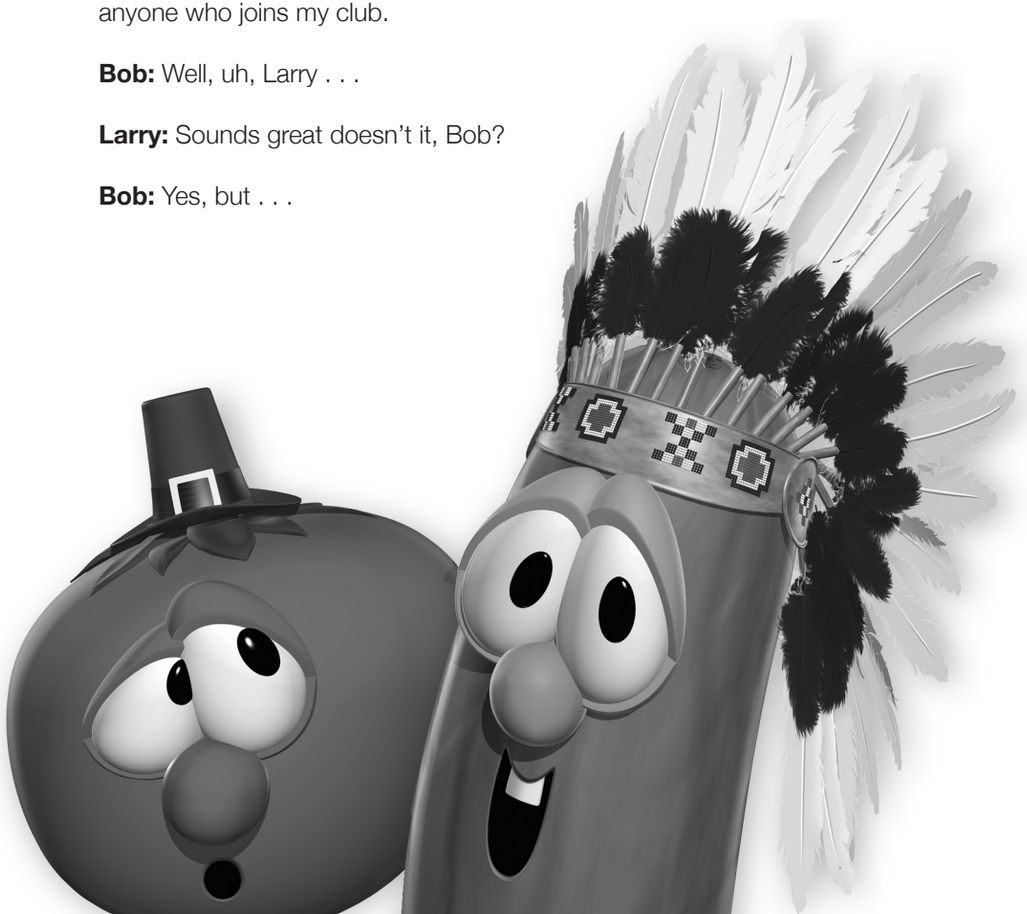
Bob: That's nice, Larry.

Larry: We're going to have fun playing games, writing secret messages, making stuff, you name it. I've even made a special badge and ID card for anyone who joins my club.

Bob: Well, uh, Larry . . .

Larry: Sounds great doesn't it, Bob?

Bob: Yes, but . . .



Larry: I'm sorry you can't join the club, Bob. But it's only for cucumbers.

Bob: Yes, but . . .

Larry: Otherwise I'd really want you to be in the club. But you know how it goes. You're not a cucumber! The Cucumber Club's first meeting is tomorrow night. It's going to be great. I'm serving slushees and bringing my checkerboard.

Bob: Larry, can I ask you something?

Larry: Sure, Bob.

Bob: Why are you making your club for cucumbers only? You have a lot of friends that aren't cucumbers. What if they want to join your club?

Larry: Gee, I never thought about that.

Bob: God wants us to love our neighbors . . . all of them. Your club is going to be a lot of fun, but I think there might be a lot of Veggies with hurt feelings if you don't let them join.

Larry: Uh oh. Oh, no.

Bob: Larry, what if I started a Tomato Club and built a really cool clubhouse and I then didn't let you join in?

Larry: Gee, Bob, I'd feel really bad.

Bob: Larry, I've got an idea! How about if you call your new club the Connection Club? That way anyone can join in and have fun and no one will feel left out.

Larry: Thanks, Bob. That's a good idea. In fact, I have the perfect job for you!

Bob: You do?

Larry: Remember when I said I needed somebody to build it?

LESSON 12

Bob: Hi, Larry. What book are you reading? It sure does look like a big one! Is it *The Adventures of Huckleberry Henry*? Or maybe *The Tales of Mark Turnip*?

Larry: Nope.

Bob: Oh I know; it's the Bible!

Larry: Wrong again, Bob. Hold on, I'm almost done . . .

Bob: Done? You're kidding? You've almost read that entire book?

Larry: Not the entire book. The entire definition. I'm reading the dictionary.

Bob: Oh! Of course. It would take you forever to read the dictionary.

Larry: That's funny. That's just the word I was just looking up—forever. My teacher says that God will love me forever, and I wanted to know how long forever is.

Bob: Well, Larry, you know how long it takes you to tell a story?

Larry: Yes.

Bob: It's longer than that.

Larry: Wow! That's pretty long.

Bob: Do you remember how long it took you to find your hairbrush that one time?

Larry: Everyone keeps singing about it!

Bob: Well, it's longer than that too.

Larry: That's a long time, too, Bob.

Bob: That's right, Larry. Can you imagine how long it would take for you to eat a million, trillion chocolate bunnies made by the Chocolate Factory? 'Cuz forever is longer than that too.

Larry: Wow! Forever IS a long time. And your definition is much better than the one I read in here.

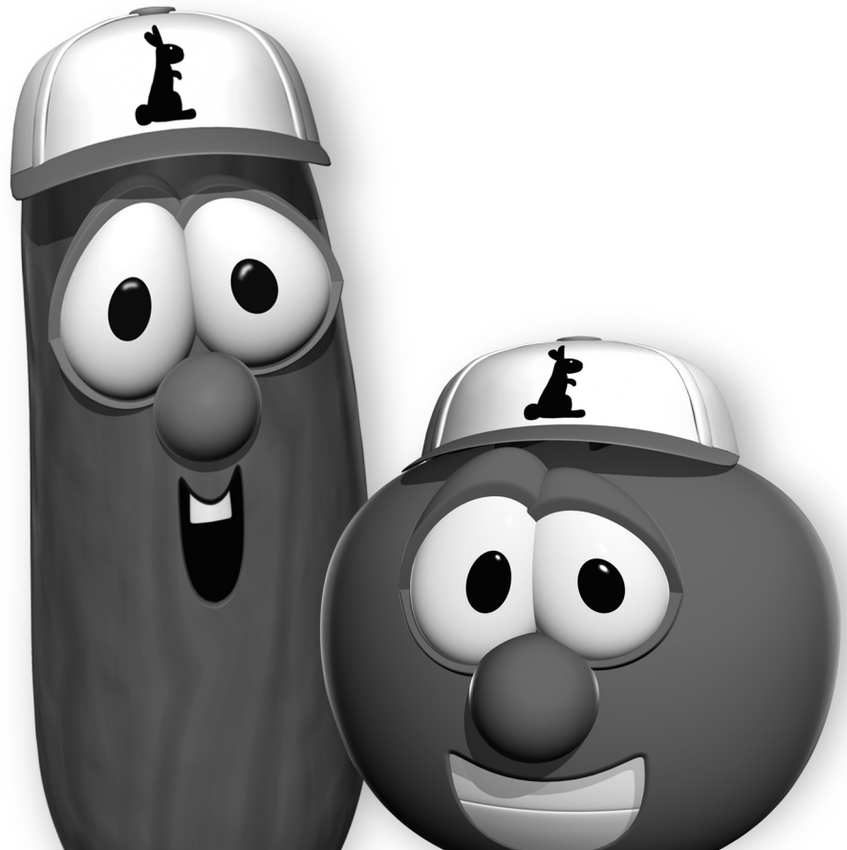
Bob: Well thanks, Larry!

Larry: You're welcome. It sure makes me feel good to know that God's love is forever. But there is just one thing I want to point out . . .

Bob: That God's love never ends?

Larry: Well that too. But, what I wanted to say was eating that much chocolate would make me sick, Bob.

Bob: Yes, Larry, eating that much chocolate would make anyone sick. But don't think about that when we head to the Chocolate Factory. It's supposed to be fun!



LESSON 13

Bob and Larry are wearing party hats and sitting among streamers.

Bob: Wow! The Peas sure do know how to polka. And the Gourds are the best break dancers I've ever seen. We should do that more often.

Larry: I agree. But I'm not sure Mr. Lunt would like that very much.

Bob: Why not? The party was for him!

Larry: Yeah, but he turned another year older. You know how some people are about getting older.

Bob: Well sure, Larry. But Mr. Lunt didn't seem to be worried about that at all.

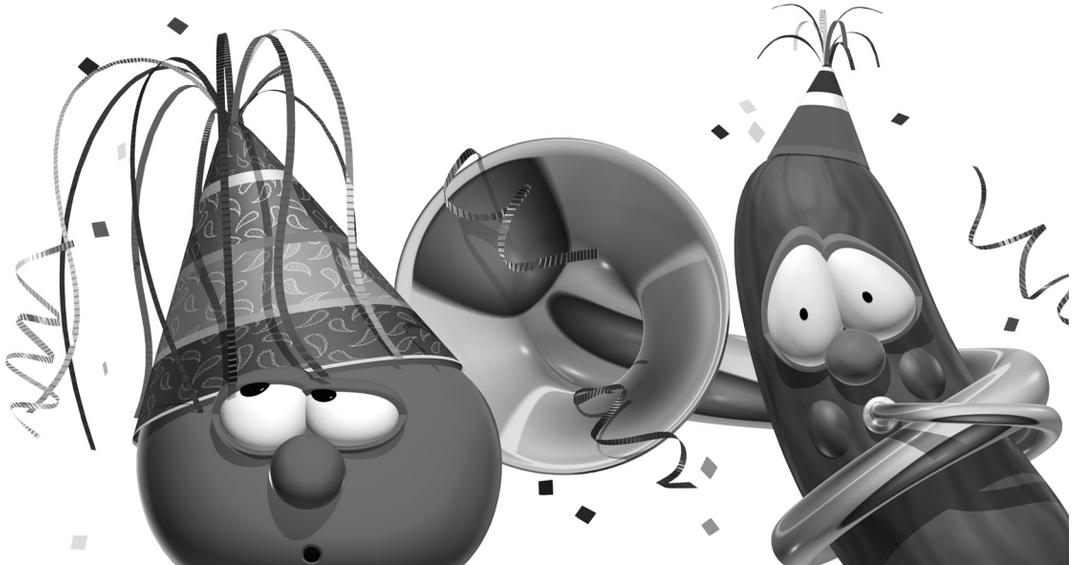
Larry: That's true. Do you think it all was an act, Bob?

Bob: Of course not! Mr. Lunt had a very nice time!

Larry: Or so we think he did! Maybe he really was worried about it under that squinty smile. You know, I worry about things, Bob.

Bob: What are you worried about, Larry?

Larry: Well, for one thing, I'll never get to sleep tonight. Tomorrow is a spelling bee, and I still don't know how to spell "existential."



Bob: That's a big word! You're going to have to spell "existential" at your spelling bee?

Larry: Well, probably not, Bob. But what if I have to spell it?

Bob: Larry, I think maybe . . .

Larry: And what if they ask me to spell "voracious?"

Bob: Larry!

Larry: And what if I forget to invite someone to Mr. Lunt's party? Think of the trouble I'll be in tomorrow!

Bob: Larry!

Larry: What is it, Bob?

Bob: I think you're forgetting about a present that God has for all of us.

Larry: I think Mr. Lunt opened all the presents tonight, Bob.

Bob: There's one present that doesn't need opening, Larry. It's called the Holy Spirit. It's a gift to us from God and his Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps to watch over us. The Holy Spirit helps us when we worry about things. He helps us know what we should do.

Larry: That's wonderful news!

Bob: So instead of worrying about everything, just remember to ask the Holy Spirit to help you.

Larry: I will! I feel better already. I sure hope the Holy Spirit knows how to spell "existential."

Bob: Oh dear. Larry, maybe we better get going where we can learn more about that.

Larry: Okay, Bob. In the meantime, I have a feeling I have more studying to do.